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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is being submitted in response to the December 14, 2004 Office Action issued by the Examiner in the above identified application.

The Examiner has indicated that the claims originally filed in this application, claims 1 and 2, are drawn to two different inventions, i.e. claim 1 (foldable wheelchair) and claim 2 (elevating apparatus).

The Examiner has required applicant to elect one invention for examination in the instant application. In response to this requirement, applicant hereby elects claim 1 (foldable wheelchair). Applicant further reserves the right to submit the subject matter

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of claim 2 for separate examination in a divisional application which may be filed at any time during the pendency of the instant application.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this election, the undersigned may be reached at his Alexandria, Virginia office at (703) 683-0500.

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